

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Pending Claims

Claims 1-6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A package comprising a receptacle having a mouth at an upper end, a closed plastic zipper attached to said mouth, and a slider mounted to said zipper, wherein said zipper comprises first and second interlocked profiled structures having an interstice therebetween, and a pliable membrane connected to said first interlocked profiled structure and ~~not forming a tamper-evident~~ leakproof seal across said mouth, at least part of said membrane being located in and having a profile conformed to said interstice, and said slider does not have a separating finger for separating said first and second profiled structures.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Original): The package as recited in claim 7, wherein said zipper further comprises first and second flanges respectively connected to said first and second profiled structures, and said receptacle comprises first and second walls respectively attached to said first and second flanges.

Claim 10 (Original): The package as recited in claim 7, wherein said first profiled structure has a male profile and said second profiled structure has a female profile shaped to receive said male profile.

Claims 11-20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The package as recited in claim ~~[[19,]]~~ 7, wherein said first ~~interlocked~~ profiled structure comprises a groove and said membrane is connected to said first ~~interlocked~~ profiled structure along a line located above said groove.

Claims 22-26 (Canceled).

Claim 27 (New): The package as recited in claim 7, wherein said membrane is also connected to said second profiled structure.

Claim 28 (New): A package comprising:

a receptacle having a mouth at an upper end;

a plastic zipper attached to said mouth, wherein said zipper comprises first and second profiled zipper strips, said first profiled zipper strip comprising a first base and first and second projections connected to said first base and separated by a groove, and said second profiled zipper strip comprising a second base and a third projection connected to said second base, said third projection having a profile that is complementary to a profile of said groove, said third projection being inserted in said groove with an interstice therebetween;

a slider mounted to said zipper and in contact with said first and second bases, said slider having no separating finger for prying said third projection out of said groove during slider travel along said zipper; and

a membrane comprising a first portion connected to said first profiled zipper strip, a second portion connected to said second profiled zipper strip and a third portion that is disposed in said interstice.

Claim 29 (New): The package as recited in claim 28, wherein said membrane further comprises a fourth portion that is disposed in said interstice, said third and fourth portions of said membrane being in contact with each other.

Claim 30 (New): The package as recited in claim 29, wherein said membrane further comprises a fifth portion that connects said third portion to said fourth portion, said fifth portion being disposed in an interior volume defined by said

receptacle and said closed zipper.

Claim 31 (New) The package as recited in claim 28, wherein the connection of said first portion of said membrane to said first profiled zipper strip is located on said first projection and the connection of said second portion of said membrane to said second profiled zipper strip is located on said second base.

Claim 32 (New) The package as recited in claim 31, wherein the connection of said second portion of said membrane to said second base is disposed at an elevation above said third projection.

Claim 33 (New) The package as recited in claim 31, wherein the connection of said second portion of said membrane to said second base is disposed at an elevation below said third projection.